



Lake County

JSEC Minutes

Date: May 10, 2007

Location: Ronan, St. Luke Clinic Conference Room

Time: 12:00-1:30

Presentation: Presentation of the \$500 checks to the Scholarship Winners:



Theodore "Ted" Morigeau, Polson and



Stevie-Leigh Sammons, Charlo

Marilyn Becker introduced the 2007 Ken Rohrenbach Scholarship winners with a brief bio of each of the winners. Also introduced was Blanche Rohrenbach. The scholarship was named in honor of Ken Rohrenbach. The Scholarship winners will be submitted to the State JSEC to be included in the Fred Unmack Memorial Scholarship. The winner will be announced May 23, 2007.

Mike Shoquist gave an introduction to the scholarship. Ken was very involved with the students and attended various activities, including sports. He was on the school board for 17 years. In honor of Ken, Mike thanked the applicants for an exceptional job that was done in taking the time to complete the scholarship and resumes. Ken would have been very proud of both of these young students.

Introduction of members

Members Present:

Theresa Jones, St. Luke Hospital; Patti Patterson, Job Service; Todd Erickson, Job Service; Mike McReynolds, UPS Store; David Sande, Jr, Evergreen; Mike Shoquist, Job Service; Marilyn Becker, Office of Public Assistance; Lettie Neuman, Kicking Horse Job Corps; Donna Mitchell, Kicking Horse Job Corps; Wayne Fuchs, St. Luke Hospital, Pat Hulla, Job Service; Tina Oliphant, Lake County Community Development.

Members Absent/Excused: Paula Weaver, DRS TSI, Inc; Adina Fox, Ronan Telephone; Michelle Cope, Polson Chamber; Rick Molenda, Western Bee; Emily Peck, Polson High

School; Nikki Montesano, Jore; Jim Hinshaw, Country Foods; Audi Moran, S&K Technologies; Karen Dellwo, First Interstate Bank; Debra Krantz, Job Service.

Treasurer Report: \$1,327.65

Approval of April minutes: Minutes approved as written.

Old business:

- 2007 Lake County Job Fair: This year's resurrected Job Fair was deemed a success and a worthwhile venture by committee members and the 25 participating vendors. There were 15 employers, 5 vocational and training programs, and 4 branches of the military attending. We had 85 potential job applicants that registered at the main entrance. A vast majority of the vendors had obtained some good applications and believed that it was time well spent. Survey results will be available in our next Newsletter. Special thanks go out to the Polson Chamber of Commerce for contributing \$1,000.00 in advertising costs to assist in promoting this event.

New business:

- Mike Shoquist, Pat Hulla, Todd Erickson, and other business advocates from the NW Region attended the Economic Development Summit hosted at MT Tech in Butte. According to a press release from Senator Baucus, "the goal of the Summit was simple, "work together to find new ways to boost Montana's economy and create more good-paying jobs." More than 2,600 participants heard addresses about how Montana's economy can thrive in the 21st century from Chairman of the Federal Reserve Ben Bernanke, former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, and Microsoft founder Bill Gates. A panel of diplomats offered insights on Montana's strengths and weaknesses as a trading partner, and a panel of successful MT entrepreneurs offered comments on what MT can do to offer a more business friendly environment. An overall theme of the summit was that MT is a good place to live and work and is positioned to capitalize on its quality of living via offering an advanced technological infrastructure. Gov. Brian Schweitzer offered his insights on alternative energy opportunities within the state and is working to promote these opportunities. All attending agreed that it was top notch and that it was well worth the time.



More than 2600 people attended Baucus' Economic Summit Photo Barrett Kaiser

- State JSEC conference is May 21- May 24, 2007 in Bozeman. Attending from our area will be Karen Dellwo, Marilyn Becker, Todd Erickson, Pat Hulla, Mike Shoquist, and Debra Krantz. This year there will be no auction items. There will only be raffle tickets for a weeks stay in an exquisite Montana Memories condo in Bozeman. Cost is \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Todd asked that members consider selling or purchasing the raffle tickets. Tickets sales go to the State JSEC Committee to help fund the State Fred Unmack Scholarship.
- Todd also asked for input from the members for topics for workshops. Pat suggested contacting Michelle Skeletsky-Boyd who has had good reviews in the Flathead.
- Todd handed out Montana At A Glance brochures.

Round Table:

Mike Shoquist shared with the group the changes that will be coming down as of June 30, 2007. The biggest change will be the management; they will go from 14 Managers statewide to only 5 regional managers. The state will be broken into Regional positions with one manager for each region. Mike discussed the changes that will occur. Mike also announced his retirement as of June 30, 2007.

Discussion by the group was held. Marilyn Becker asked if these change would have any impact on JSEC. Mike and Pat both felt there would be no change there, however the regional manager may not be in attendance at each monthly meeting. At this time it is uncertain who this person will be. Duties have shifted; the Regional Manager will have more responsibilities with the workforce development, economic development, etc.

Theresa Jones & Wayne Fuchs shared information that ground has been broken for expansion of the hospital.

Tina Oliphant discussed how she would like to see a study done on how the new expansion will have an impact on downtown Ronan and the surrounding area. Mike suggested contacting the head of economics at the U of M. An undergrad student may be an option.

Pat and Debbi attended the Workforce Investment Broad meeting, the adult training dollars will be handled through the Polson office for Lake and Sanders counties. Lake County is now officially a certified One Stop Center and was presented a plaque.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: June 14, 2007 @ Wheat MT – Polson 12:00-1:30

Presentation: Tentative – Wayne Fuchs has possible speaker